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Dear Parent

## February is dedicated to the Holy Family

### Returning to School

We are all delighted with the news that schools can return to 'normal' after this latest period of lockdown. It will be great to see the children back in our school, as well as all the staff team being together. Obviously, we will continue to follow Government guidance on how this should work and will continue to risk assess the situation and our circumstances. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support over these weeks and for the support you have given to your children. We do not underestimate how challenging this may have been for so many of you in the juggling of so many new roles and circumstances i.e. working from home, supporting learning at home, not being able to see extended family etc.

I am so proud of the way all of our staff have committed to the teaching and learning of the children during this closedown. I am confident that the majority of you agree with me when I say that we have a truly exceptional staff team here at St Mary's. May God continue to bless them all.

### LENT 2021

Our Lenten season began during half term and now that we are back in term time, we intend to do our daily 'Walk with Me' assembly/prayer gatherings and encourage the children to share in these at home until we are fully returned to school.

Perhaps this year, more than at any other time, we need this time of reflection (and self-reflection) filled with hope for a much brighter and sanctified tomorrow. Please join us if you can. Class teachers will send out the link via e-schools.

Each Wednesday, we will continue to do our 'stay and pray' – whole school meditation at 9.00 – the class teacher will send out a Teams invitation and lead on this.

### A Lenten Reflection for Action...

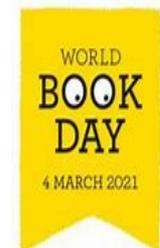
Pope Francis

**Fast from hurting words ...and say kind words.**

### World Book Day 2021

Thursday 4th March is World Book Day, and this year it will look a little bit different (just like everything else!) As the majority of children will still be learning at home, we have planned a few activities to help us celebrate this important day.

On World Book Day, we are asking the children to **dress up** as their favourite book character and send in photos/upload photos to the school twitter page.



### Live Lessons

On the day, we will dedicate both live lessons to World Book Day. You child's class teacher will give more details about the lessons nearer to the time.



### **The Masked Reader Quiz**

Staff from St Mary's will be disguising themselves and reading extracts from a shared text. Your challenge is to correctly identify who each reader is. The video will be sent out on the morning of the 4<sup>th</sup> March. When you think you have worked out who everyone is, message your answers to Mrs Davis using eSchools. Answers will be uploaded that

afternoon! Good luck!

Have a great week and stay safe and well!

Yours sincerely,

*HM Cusack*

Headteacher